

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 28, 1998

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 14, 1998

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1964**

**Introduced by Senator Costa**

February 19, 1998

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An act to add Article 17 (commencing with Section 28150) to Chapter 5 of Division 12 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1964, as amended, Costa. Vehicles: radar jamming devices.

(1) Existing law prohibits vehicles from being equipped with certain equipment, including, among other things, theft alarm systems that emit the sound of a siren, studded tires, and certain prohibited lighting systems.

This bill would prohibit any vehicle from being equipped with any device that is designed for, or is capable of, jamming, scrambling, neutralizing, disabling, or otherwise interfering with radar, laser, or any other electronic device used by a law enforcement agency to measure the speed of moving objects.

The bill would also prohibit any person from using, buying, possessing, manufacturing, selling, ~~advertising for sale,~~ or otherwise distributing any device that is designed for jamming, scrambling, neutralizing, disabling, or otherwise interfering with radar, laser, or any other electronic device used by a law enforcement agency to measure the speed of moving objects.

Because a violation of these prohibitions would be an infraction under other provisions of existing law, the bill would impose a state-mandated *local* program by creating a new crime.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Article 17 (commencing with Section  
2 28150) is added to Chapter 5 of Division 12 of the Vehicle  
3 Code, to read:

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5 Article 17. Radar Jamming Devices

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7 28150. (a) No vehicle shall be equipped with any  
8 device that is designed for, or is capable of, jamming,  
9 scrambling, neutralizing, disabling, or otherwise  
10 interfering with radar, laser, or any other electronic  
11 device used by a law enforcement agency to measure the  
12 speed of moving objects.

13 (b) No person shall use, buy, possess, manufacture,  
14 sell, ~~advertise for sale~~, or otherwise distribute any device  
15 that is designed for jamming, scrambling, neutralizing,  
16 disabling, or otherwise interfering with radar, laser, or  
17 any other electronic device used by a law enforcement  
18 agency to measure the speed of moving objects.

19 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act  
20 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
21 Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred  
22 by a local agency or school district will be incurred  
23 because this act creates a new crime or infraction,  
24 eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
25 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section



1 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition  
2 of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article  
3 XIII B of the California Constitution.

4 Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government  
5 Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act  
6 shall become operative on the same date that the act  
7 takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

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